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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2176

U/ PW FOR SIEVERTS

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CASC, LA

SUBJECT: PWS IN LAOS: SWEDISH TV CREW RETURNS FROM SAMNEUA.

1. EMBOFFS TALKED FOR THIRTY MINUTES WITH SWEDISH TELEVISION CREW WHICH HAD SPENT PAST WEEK IN SAM NEUA. ALTHOUGH THEY HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG AND LPF CCM SINGKAPO, THEY INFORMED US THAT SUBJECT OF USPWS WAS TOO DELICATE A SUBJECT TO BRING UP AT THAT LEVEL. THEY WERE INFORMED BY ONE UNIDENTIFIED OFFICIAL THAT LPF DID HOLD SEOM USPWS. HE STATED THERE WERE NOT MANY CAPTURED BECAUSE THEIR ARTILLERY CAUGHT MOST US AIRCRAFT AT LOW ALTITUDES WHICH DID NOT ALLOW TIME FOR PILOTS TO EJECT. HE ADDED THAT MANY PILOTS WERE RESCUED BY HELICOPTERS BEFORE PL FORCES COULD TAKE THEM PRISONER.

2. ALTHOUGH GROUP TRAVELLED THROUGHOUT SAM NEUA PROVINCE EACH DAY OF THEIR VISIT, THEY DID NOT SEE OR LEARN
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ANYTHING OF FOREIGN PRISONERS OTHER THAN WHAT WAS REPORTED
ABOVE.
GODLEY

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